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Public invited to workshop on INEEL disposal facility

public workshop on a disposal facility at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory will be held from 5 p.m. To 8 p.m. on May 20 at the Ameritel Inn (645 Lindsay Boulevard) in Idaho Falls. The workshop will provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to meet with project staff and ask questions and get answers about the facility.

The facility was designated by the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state of Idaho for disposal of soils from cleanup operations across the INEEL taking place under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, otherwise known CERCLA. The disposal facility, called the **INEEL CERCLA Disposal** Facility, or ICDF for short, is a landfill with an engineered multiple liner system

designed to safely contain contaminated soils from cleanup operations across the INEEL.

The workshop will address facility operations, waste acceptance criteria and the waste verification process. Members of the public can meet with project personnel to ask any questions they might have about how the facility will be managed and operated.

DOE, EPA and the state of Idaho signed a Record of Decision in October 1999 for remediation at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center. A Record of Decision, or ROD, is a commitment by the agencies to perform selected remedial actions, chosen in accordance with the CERCLA process. The consolidation and management of INEEL-wide CERCLA wastes scattered around INTEC and other onsite areas at the engineered

disposal facility was one of the remedial decisions made in the 1999 ROD.

The ICDF complex, located outside the 100-year flood plain, will consolidate and dispose of low-level contaminated soils in an engineered facility from across the INEEL. Some of these soils are not currently protected from wind, rain and snowmelt.

The Idaho Completion Project is focused on reducing risk and completing the majority of remaining cleanup work from past INEEL missions by 2012. The project is managed by Bechtel BWXT Idaho, LLC for the U.S. Department of Energy. For more information on the workshop, contact the ICP Community Relations office at 208-526-3183 or email at campil@inel.gov